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TO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: COLGATE-PALMOLIVE INVESTMENT IN IVORY COAST

REF: A) FERRITER-BISHOP TELECON OF MAY 9; B) STATE 094229;

C) ABIDJAN 3439

1. DESKOFF INFORMED HALL OF SUBSTANCE REFTELCON. HALL SUBSEQUENTLY TELEPHONED FOLLOWING STATEMENT OF COLGATE'S POSITION:

QUOTE: COLGATE NEW YORK REPRESENTATIVES WERE QUITE CONCERNED UPON RECEIPT OF INFORMATION OF REFUSAL TO NEGOTIATE WITH MINISTER DIAWARA OF THE IVORY COAST WITH REGARD TO GOVERNMENT SUPPORT OF IVORIAN ENTREPRENEURS. FOLLOWING THE MEETING OF MARCH 28 WITH DIAWARA, IT WAS COLGATE'S UNDERSTANDING THAT MINISTER DIAWARA WOULD ON HIS TRIP TO THE IVORY COAST DETERMINE THE EXACT PROPOSAL OF THE IVORIAN ENTREPRENEURS AND COMMUNICATE THE PROPOSAL TO COLGATE. ADDITIONALLY, DIAWARA WOULD DETERMINE THE POSITION OF HIS GOVERNMENT RELATIVE TO THE CATEGORIES IN WHICH COLGATE WOULD HAVE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MR. DIAWARA STATED TO THE COLGATE REPRESENTATIVES THAT THIS INFORMATION WOULD BE FORWARDED TO THEM ON OR ABOUT APRIL 19.

ON APRIL 22 A CALL WAS RECEIVED FROM IVORIAN NEW YORK REPRESENTATIVE DOUGUIH IN WHICH HE APOLOGIZED FOR DELAY AND INDICATED AN ANSWER MIGHT COME THE WEEK OF APRIL 22. NO FURTHER WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM ANY IVORY COAST REPRESENTATIVE SINCE THAT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH MR. DOUGUIH. AS OF THIS TIME NO REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED. WE WOULD HOPE THAT THROUGH CONTINUED NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN OURSELVES AND THE IVORY COAST A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION CAN BE REACHED. UNQUOTE.

2. EMBASSY IS AT LIBERTY TO TRANSMIT ABOVE STATEMENT TO DIARRA. IN VIEW STRAINED SYNTAX AND IRRITATED TONE, EMBASSY MAY PREFER CONVEY ESSENTIAL POINT THAT THERE HAS BEEN MISUNDERSTANDING, AS COLGATE REPORTS IT DID NOT REFUSE NEGOTIATE IVORIAN PARTICIPATION AT MARCH 28 MEETING. IN FACT, COLGATE SAYS IT HAS BEEN WAITING SINCE THAT DATE FOR DETAILS OF IVORIAN PROPOSAL, WHICH COMPANY UNDERSTOOD DIAWARE WOULD COMMUNICATE FOLLOWING HIS RETURN TO ABIDJAN.

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